

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) have pointed out that the Government should focus on accountability and quality in health sector;
- (b) if so, whether many of the NRIs and PIOs have welcomed the Government's decision to allow foreign equity upto 51 per cent in the hospital sector;
- (c) whether the Government propose to increase this to 100 per cent subject to approval by the foreign investment promotion board; and
- (d) if so, the present status of the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) to (d) Foreign Direct Investment upto 100 per cent in Hospital Sector is already permissible under the automatic route.